

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 19 February 1997
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Memories of Eighteen
Other Known Titles: Memories of 18
Director: Larry Bronco
Producer: Larry Bronco
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Memories of Eighteen	Running time:	64.23
Trailers:	Film Notice	Running time:	0.47
	The Birthday Boy		6.26
	The Bronco Bunch		5.11
		Total Running time:	76.47

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video entitled *Memories of Eighteen* is predominantly comprised of scenes depicting males who present as teenagers aged under eighteen engaging in explicit sexual activity. The overall tenor of the publication is to promote and support such activity for the purpose of sexual arousal of the viewer. Some of the actors have the physical appearance of teenagers aged around fifteen or sixteen years old. The actors are depicted engaging in behaviours that are more characteristic of younger teenagers than adults aged eighteen or over. For example, in one scene they are presented as jumping off a pier, and pushing each other off the pier, in a boisterous manner that is reminiscent of how younger teenagers might be expected to behave. The publication tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes as outlined under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. Because s3(2) is a deeming provision, it cannot be given a meaning consistent with the rights and freedoms contained in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and it therefore overrides s14. Under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 the publication is therefore classified as:
Objectionable.

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